No. R. 1700—L. R. 110-33-6, dated, Bangalore, 10th October 1933.

The accompanying report of the Inam Committee appointed for examining the existing conditions and prospects of tenants in inam and jodi villages and allied subjects, is published for general information. Those desirous of expressing their opinion on any of the subjects dealt with in the Report are requested to communicate the same to the Secretary to Government, Development Department within two months from the date of this notification.

By Order,
S. ABDUL WAJID,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED IN GOVERNMENT ORDER, DATED 24—25th OCTOBER 1932 FOR EXAMINING THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS OF TENANTS IN INAM AND JODI VILLAGES.

Introductory.

The difficult question of the relationship between the inamdars and tenants has been frequently coming up before Government for consideration. It was urged in the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly in 1914 that the law relating to the rights of the inamdars and tenants should be clearly defined, that Survey and Settlement should be compulsorily introduced into inam villages, and that the individual responsibility of the co-sharers for payment of jodi, etc., due on their shares should be strictly enforced. A Committee was appointed in 1915 and another again in 1916. Finding that their investigations were incomplete, Government appointed a Commission in 1918. This commission made elaborate enquiries, examined a large number of witnesses, both among the inamdars and tenants, and after careful consideration, submitted an exhaustive and interesting report to Government, covering practically the whole field of relationship between the inamdar and the tenant and the inamdar and Government. The orders of Government on their recommendations are contained in the Government Order No. 28-48—L. R. 482-17-42, dated 2nd July 1925. There was a representation by the Inamdars' Association for a modification of this order in several respects on the ground that the rights of inamdars had been severely curtailed by it. Government passed orders in consultation with the Revenue Commissioner, in Government Order No. R. 4306-26—L. R. 126-25-7, dated 22nd January 1927, modifying in some respects the orders of 1925. Almost all the amendments proposed as a result of these two orders have been incorporated in the Land Revenue Code.

2. In spite of the action taken in the past, the relationship between the inamdars and their tenants does not seem to have improved to any appreciable extent. There is still a feeling on the part of the tenants that their position is insecure, that their lot is not as happy as that of raiyats in Government villages and that they have not been properly looked after by the inamdars. On the other hand, the inamdars complain that the tenants are very irregular in payment of rent, force the inamdars frequently to civil litigation for its recovery and that they set up kadim tenancy rights where they do not really exist.

3. Mr. D. H. Chandrasekhariah, Member from the Chitaldrug District, moved the following resolution in the Legislative Council on 20th June 1932:—

"That this Council recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that a mixed Committee of officials and non-officials be constituted with a view to study the existing conditions and prospects of tenants of Inam and Jodi villages of the State and to recommend suitable measures for their amelioration and improvement."